

Remarks

Applicant has amended the claims to conform the pending method claims (55, 57-69) to the elected pending micro-organism claims (30-41). As the Examiner has not yet withdrawn the pending method claims from consideration, these claims are not marked as "withdrawn" at this time, but are marked to indicate that they were "previously presented" or "currently amended", as appropriate.

Claims 54 and 56 were canceled without prejudice.

New claims 70-79 were added to claim embodiments of micro-organisms and methods that are supported in the specification at, for example, page 5, lines 11-29 and page 19, lines 15-20. No new matter has been added.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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